Final

Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
Wednesday, May 12, 4:00 pm BVCC and Zoom

Attendees: Alex Sanford, Darryl Muldoon, David Brandenberg, David Whelchel, Gary Mertz, Jason Loyd, Jan Simms, Jeff Hendren, Keith Ihms, Mark Diehl,Mike Houston, Phil Spencer, Sheila Heward, Susan Nuttall, Tammie Loyd, Tom Judson , Greg Sellers

Absent:, David DeGraf, Jason has David's proxy

Votes & Important Topics

- VOTE: Passed unanimously

  A local rule will be written that "If a golfer hits a ball into the drainageway on #3 Bella Vista Country Club, free relief will be granted. The area to which this rule applies will be defined."

- The next meeting is the Golf JAC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 9th at 4:00 pm.

Call to Order – Jason Loyd called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

Phil Spencer's son passed away this week. We offer our condolences and prayers for the family.

Course reports - see meeting packet

Staff Reports:

- **Maintenance – Keith**
  - **Summer hiring:** We are having challenges securing seasonal help. We are working with HR on retention/returning employee plans.
  - **General Condition of the courses:** The weather continues to be very cool. For example, on April 20, 21 & 22, we closed Scotsdale for 3 days due to temperatures in the low 20's. We all need to exercise patience - the grass will grow when the temperature rise.
  - **Water Damage from recent rain:** The rain event on April 27th had a different pattern than we usually have. It only rained a few inches in Bella Vista, so the lakes/hollers did not raise the water levels. Most of the rain was in Bentonville, and came down Sugar Creek, thus impacting Berksdale, Kingswood and BVCC.
    - Below is a table representing the damage caused by the rain event. We made every effort to reopen courses as soon as possible-even though some of the work was not yet completed. The crews will continue to haul away debris, silt, and gravel in the next few weeks.

Course	Greens	Fairways	Other
Berksdale	Silt removal: 2, 6 8	Gravel & silt: 2 Gravel: 3 Silt: 8	#8 bridge is repaired. Irrigation line has been welded but there is a small leak (not urgent). Signal wire will need to be replaced but have a workaround. Cart Path #6
Kingswood	Silt removal: Chipping Area, Nursery, 2,3,4,7,8,14	Silt: 2, 3, 5, 8, 14 Gravel: 4, 7 Debris 15, 16	Kingswood Maintenance Road #8 Bridge Rail
BVCC	Silt: 11, 12, 17	Silt: 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13	Bunker: 11+liner, 12, 13 fway, 17 Cart path: #13-14 tee, 4 Red Tee area

Scotsdale	No damage		
Highlands	No damage		
Dogwood/ Brittany	No damage		

- Overall damage estimate is $27k with about 50% for cart path repairs
- We are working with MAC to use a machine to clean the sand out of damaged bunkers. This will save labor and time. This approach eliminates a significant amount of hand work.

- **Tournament Preparations:** Rob has a 6-week plan to prepare for the tournament. Most of the focus will be on/near the greens. A schedule has been developed for carts on path immediately prior to the tournament.
- **Winter damage:** The grass is starting to grow, however, we will need to do some work/replacement on some teens and collars. Areas that are facing north or in the shade are suffering the most. We received a truckload of sod today that will be used across the village. Several more truckloads are on order. ***We appreciate the patience of all the members.***
- **Projects**
  - BVCC #5 Creek bed remediation - We will start after the APT.

- **Golf Operations –** Darryl:
  - **Thanks to Kelli and Sara in Golf Operations** for quickly rescheduling players due to the recent rain/flood. Although some were rescheduled, all golfers with tee times were accommodated.
  - **Rounds:** We are up about 10% over last year. Rounds ended April at 14,850, an increase of 2,856 over 2020. YTD rounds were 35,469, up by 3,663 over 2020. Tanyard Creek - YTD Range buckets are 17,325 up by 7,788.
  - **Covid update**
    - May 14th, we will go back to 2 players per cart. This will help the grass and also open more tee times.
    - In June we will go back to in-shop check in and cart tags.
    - All restrictions will be lifted by July 1.
  - **Custom club fittings:** Our fitting days have been very popular. This is when golfers can schedule 1 on 1 time with professional club fitters from the major manufacturers. If interested, golfers need to schedule a time with Leslie Terry.
  - **Tournaments: Alex**
    - The Shot in the Dark was held April 30th . 18 foursomes finished about midnight.
    - The Couples Spring Mixer will be held this weekend.
    - Men's Match Play starts in 2 weeks.
  - **Jr. Golf**
    - The PGA Jr. Golf League has the first match on 5/15 against Fayetteville Country Club.
    - 2 Jr. Golf Camps are full. We are looking at creative ideas to accommodate other Jr. Golfers - group lessons, etc.
- **General Management – Tom Judson**
  - We are busy everywhere - golf, restaurants, recreation. Food & Beverage are setting sales records, especially on the weekends.
  - The Gear Garden-a location in Blowing Springs that will offer Beer and other beverages - will open in June. The target market for this activity will be bikers, those staying in the camping/RV park and neighbors.
- **Board Liaisons - none**
- **Comments/Emails from the Public: none**
- **Old Business:**
- In a follow up discussion regarding the #3 drainage way across the fairway, the committee discussed possible

alternatives to a penalty area.

- A number of golfers responded negatively to the penalty area. It is very common for those playing from the red tees to hit into this area.
- Gary Mertz provided information in Rule 16 of the Rules of Golf related to 'abnormal conditions'. In this case free relief from the Abnormal Course Condition is allowed.
- Jeff Hendren made a motion that was seconded by Gary Mertz.

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  The motion passed unanimously.

- **New Business: none**
- **General Committee Comments:**
  - Gary requested additional holes be added to the practice greens. Keith will handle it.
- **Announcements:**
  - The Golf Committee is seeking applications for new members. The applications are available on the POA website under Member Resources/Committees. 2 people have applied
  - Golf JAC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 9th at 4:00pm, BVCC Boardroom

Adjourn – Jason Loyd adjourned the meeting at 4:57 pm

COURSE INSPECTION FOR DOGWOOD, May, 2021
Date of Visit:5/3/2021 Name of Reviewer: Susan Nuttall

Head Golf Pro: Paul Gomez Course Super: Scott Hanson

General Appearance of Club House (include Snack Bar and Bulletin Boards): great, welcoming and ready for business. There are several new faces who have been trained well and handle routine functions with ease. They provide a very nice customer experience.

General Appearance of Course: generally looks good.

- The grass is coming in, tee boxes are vastly improved since last month.
- The crew has done a great job of clearing away brush to make the playing area wider and have provided a little more room at the edges on a number of holes.
- Greens are running true.
- Minimal damage from recent flood events.

Noted Safety Hazards (overhanging and dead limbs, holes, etc.):

- Scott Hanson and the Townhouse Association are working with several neighbors that live along the fairway of #7 Brittany. With increased play at Brittany, there are a number of golfers who drive their carts right next to the condos and hit balls from the area. Some options are marking the area out of bounds, plantings along the property lines, etc.

Golf Cart (cleanliness, sand in container, sharp pencil):excellent, we have noticed an uptick in golfers sharing carts

Operational Opportunities (per head pro or pro shop staff) limit to up to 3:

- Cove base should be installed around the walls in the bathroom

Maintenance Opportunities (per course superintendent) limit up to 3:

- #13 green should reopen in June
- Sod will be installed around the collar of the waste bunker in the coming weeks

Comments and Notes:

- Divot Repair Day was a great success. We had 18 people participate, spreading 4 tons of sand in the divots. Thanks to all.
- Friends of Dogwood & Brittany is working with the Maintenance Team in order to provide an additional water source behind the #2 green. This will enable an extension of the beautification project started last year. FODB will pay for parts and supplies, staff will perform the work. The neighbors who live on/around #2 are actively involved.

COURSE INSPECTION FOR HIGHLANDS MAY, 2021

Date of visit: May 7, 2021	Name of Reviewer: Phil Spencer
Head Golf Pro: Alex Sanford	Course Superintendent: Greg Jones
General Appearance of Club House:	Everything is clean and sanitized. Sale of merchandise was above budget. The bar area is clean and very busy in the evening.
General Appearance of Course:	All fairways, tee boxes and greens were fertilized. The harsh winter is making the spring growth slow to recover, but there are signs of life, we just have to be patient and let Mother Nature do her work. Sod was removed from a few tee boxes and we are now waiting on new sod. The #2 fairway is off limits to all cart traffic including handicap. Some plants are slow to show growth recovery, especially Crepe Myrtles. Patience is required until we find out if the plants have recovered after winter.
Golf Carts	All the carts are sanitized after each use and quickly returned to service.

COURSE INSPECTION FOR Scottsdale, May 2021

Date of Visit: 05/07/2021 Name of Reviewer: Mark Deihl & Dave Degraf

Head Golf Pro: Alex Sanford Course Super: Kyle Soller

General Appearance of Club House (include Snack Bar and Bulletin Boards): Proshop and snack bar looks great and is well stocked with merchandise.

Pro shop Sales are doing great.

Bar Area- Full bar is open including Brats & Dogs, and beverages. Bar and Pro Shop was busy, with patrons eating and drinking.

General Appearance of Course: Overall course looks good. Collars and bunkers are in good shape. Some greens were pin aerated to promote growth. Fairways are improving, but they need additional sun and warm temperatures for the fairways to green up.

Noted Safety Hazards (overhanging and dead limbs, holes, etc.): None.

Golf Cart (cleanliness, sand in container, sharp pencil): Carts were clean.

Operational Opportunities (per head pro or pro shop staff) Pro shop is ready for business and looks great with the new remodel.

Maintenance Opportunities (per course superintendent) limit up to 3: Addition work is being performed on fairways to promote growth.

Comments and Notes: Scottsdale was busy and parking lot was completely full.

Course Inspection Report – ***KINGSWOOD & BERKSDALE***

Visit Date: May 11, 2021
Facility Supervisor/Pro: **Gavin Smith** (head Pro), **Reed Holly** (Course Superintendent)
Reviewer: **Gary Mertz**

General Appearance of Club House (Snack Bar, Bulletin Boards, Displays, etc):

- ***Appearance of Pro Shop***: Excellent
- ***Merchandise Sales***: Good
- ***Course usage***: Heavy; rain and flooding had the course closed for a week to clean up debris, silt and rocks

Operational Opportunities (per Head Pro or Staff):

- ***Pro Shop***: Nothing to report
- ***Golf Carts***: Clean
- ***Practice Area***: Open

Maintenance Opportunities (per Superintendent):

- ***Fairways & Greens*****: Much debris on fairways and greens. 7 greens were flooded and needed power washing to get the silt off. Sodding of a few tees (1-Red, 2-Red, 15-Red, and 18 White) was delayed due to the flooding. The sod was diverted to Highlands.**
- ***Equipment***: Nothing to report
- ***Personnel***: Hired 2 of the 3 summer part-time employees today, May 11. The last hire found a higher paying job after being hired…never showed for training. It's hard to compete with other jobs with an hourly wage of $11. McDonalds is hiring at $14

Comments and Notes: If we continue to have a difficult time hiring and retaining workers, the Board may need to reconsider our hourly wage offer to perspective employees.

Follow-up Items: Nothing to report

Tanyard Driving Range

Inspection Report and Update

(Updated notes in underlined italics)

Visit Date: May 10, 2021

Facility Supervisor/Pro: Hillery Sence

Golf Committee Contact: Mike Houston

Pro Shop General Appearance (Bulletin Boards, Displays, etc)

- Organized, information/Instructions easily available.

Practice Range Appearance/Maintenance Opportunities:

- Well maintained, overall appearance is good

Safety Hazards:

- N/A

Operational Update (per Pro or Staff):

- Opportunities:
    - Pro Shop is now open
    - June 1 – Social distancing will be lifted
        - Chicken wire will be removed from lower range tee area
        - All mats will be installed and be at 100% availability

- Challenges:

Comments/Notes:

Short Term Opportunities:

BELLA VISTA
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

From: Darryl Muldoon PGA, Director of Golf Operations

To: Golf Committee

Date: May 12th, 2021

Subject: Golf Rounds Report for YTD April 2021

YTD April Rounds Report is as follows:

- April rounds ended at 14,850.
    - Up by 2,856 over last year.
  - Members rounds ended at 10,758.
    - Up by 1,180 over last year.
  - Guest rounds ended at 4,092.
    - Up by 1,607 over last year.

- Year to date rounds ended at 35,469.
    - Up by 3,663 over last year.
  - Members rounds ended at 27,892.
    - Up by 1,957 over last year.
  - Guest rounds ended at 7,577.
    - Up by 1,706 over last year.

- Year to date Range buckets ended at 17,325.
    - Up by 7,788 over last year.
  - April ended at 6,154.
    - Up by 1,674 over last year.

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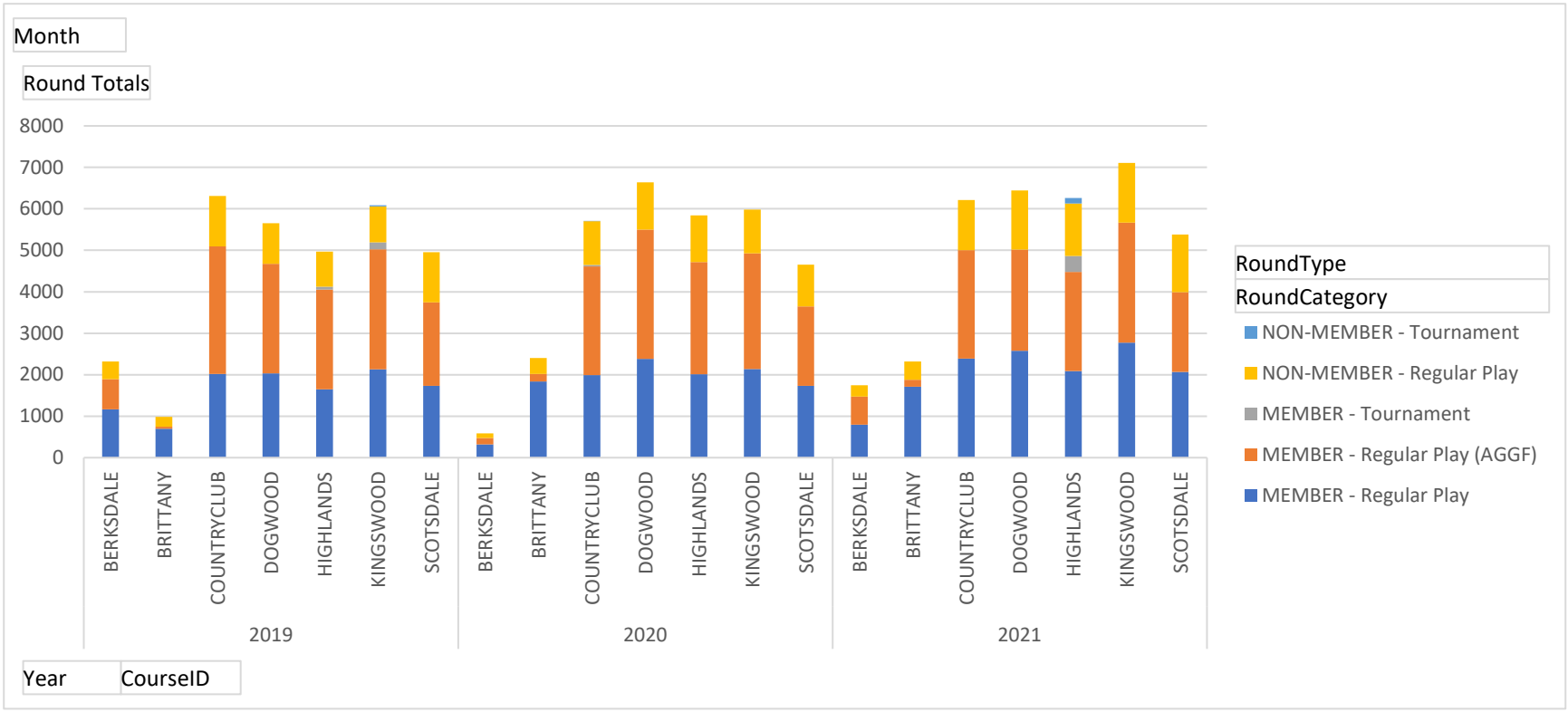
YTD through April

Round Totals	Year							
	MEMBER			Total	NON-MEMBER		Total	Grand Total
Round Type	Regular Play	Regular Play (AGGF)	Tournament		Regular Play	Tournament		
2019	**11425**	**13810**	**232**	**25467**	**5783**	**28**	**5811**	**31278**
BERKSDALE	1164	729		1893	424		424	2317
BRITTANY	696	51		747	239		239	986
COUNTRYCLUB	2022	3074		5096	1217		1217	6313
DOGWOOD	2032	2643		4675	976		976	5651
HIGHLANDS	1646	2407	68	4121	847		847	4968
KINGSWOOD	2131	2895	164	5190	868	28	896	6086
SCOTSDALE	1734	2011		3745	1212		1212	4957
2020	12406	13500	29	25935	5866	5	5871	31806
BERKSDALE	317	158		475	111		111	586
BRITTANY	1836	186		2022	382		382	2404
COUNTRYCLUB	1989	2626	29	4644	1056	5	1061	5705
DOGWOOD	2379	3120		5499	1140		1140	6639
HIGHLANDS	2015	2701		4716	1124		1124	5840
KINGSWOOD	2139	2790		4929	1052		1052	5981
SCOTSDALE	1731	1919		3650	1001		1001	4651
2021	14400	13105	387	27892	7444	133	7577	35469
BERKSDALE	794	680		1474	271		271	1745
BRITTANY	1708	174		1882	437		437	2319
COUNTRYCLUB	2389	2613		5002	1211		1211	6213
DOGWOOD	2578	2436		5014	1427		1427	6441
HIGHLANDS	2087	2390	387	4864	1263	133	1396	6260
KINGSWOOD	2776	2890		5666	1445		1445	7111
SCOTSDALE	2068	1922		3990	1390		1390	5380

April 2021 Course Closure Info					Totals	YTD Total	
Dogwood:						YTD Total	31
Brittany:	Weather		3	3	3	YTD Total	47
Highlands:		Aerify	1		1	YTD Total	32
BVCC:	Flood	Aerify	1	3	4	YTD Total	31
Kingswood:	Flood				2	YTD Total	29
Berksdale:		Aerify	1	1	1	YTD Total	19
Scotsdale:	Weather			3	3	YTD Total	47

Year To Date	**2021**		**2020**
Range Baskets	17323		9535
April Total	6154		4480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